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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: S. 782 (Ervin Bill--Conversation with Mr. Idar Rimestad)

- 1. On 10 February I called Mr. Rimestad and inquired of him as to the position of the Department concerning S. 782, the recently introduced bill by Senator Ervin. While Mr. Rimestad was generally aware of the introduction of this bill he had not personally focused on it nor did he know whether the Department itself had taken any position. He advised that he would make inquiry in the Department as to the Department's consideration of this bill and whether a position had been taken.
- 2. In a response to Mr. Rimestad's query I advised that we had a serious concern over the provisions of this bill and were hoping that we could work out an exemption for the Agency from the provisions of the bill. I indicated that we were also considering the possibility of suggesting that the bill provide for the President to make an executive determination as to which of the national security agencies should be exempted from the provisions of the bill because of their sensitive security activities.

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cc: Executive Director-Comptroller
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